

Wichita Daily Eagle

BEFORE THE SKIRMISH.

EXPERIENCE OF TWO BRAVE CAV-
ALRYMEN AT MUD CREEK.

Discussing a Recent Battle—One Praised
the Other for His Bravery, Forgetting
That He Himself Had Saved His
Friend's Life.

It was a bright September day in 1877
that two friends—Jim Dodd and Bob Sykes
of Company C, of the 10th Cavalry—
sat on the field of Chantilly. Jim raised
his head and said:

"That was a narrow escape you made
yesterday. I thought those fellows had
you sure. I cannot understand how you
managed to get out or how you captured that
officer. How did you do it?"

"You're a case," laughed Bob. "I could
no more have gotten away from those fel-
lows than I could fly but for you. The offi-
cer captured himself, he was right into me."

"Don't you remember that battery which
stood on the hill over yonder? When we
charged it the line gave way before the
guns, and we broke up scattered. Don't you
remember my horse becoming un-
manageable from a shell wound in his
neck and carrying me straight ahead over
the line had broken? Didn't I dash right
straight into the middle of the battery?"

Well, did anybody follow me? Nobody
but yourself would or did, and if the artill-
erymen had had so much as a scythe they
could have cut you to pieces. You were
the man that helped me then, and if you
don't know how I'll tell you that."

"I really can't see how I did more than
my duty," replied his friend.

"I want you to understand that it isn't
your duty to get killed for anybody. It is
enough to get the dose for yourself, but
there is no sense in running into a
danger when it can be just as well avoided.
A man hasn't good sense who does it."

"Thanks," was Jim's interjection.

"I could have easily been overpowered
while I was in that way," Bob went on,
"and I would have been no doubt had I
not been for you. You caught my horse
when he had thrown out your saber pro-
tected me until I mounted; you rode like
the devil and braved the canister which
threw showers on the line when it fell
back. In brief, you saved my life, but at
the risk of your own."

"THANKS," said Jim again.

"I didn't lose my precious carcass and I
didn't mean to. When the line broke we
were within 100 yards of 'em; the guns
were firing at point blank range, and I
was in that little cut there. I had no idea
where you were until I saw you galloping
like a madman to their lines. I knew it
meant something, but by the time I got
around the line had pulled away and was
1,000 yards to the rear. I knew that the
canister would do me, and I should have
started for the battery and got there just
in time. There was no trouble about it."

"Well, upon my word, Jim, you look at
this affair as if it was the most com-
monplace incident in the world. I can tell you
that the captain is going to report you at
headquarters."

"No, he won't," remarked Jim decidedly.

"I asked him not to."

"The two friends sat a few minutes in si-
lence; then Bob spoke.

"Jim, you are the most bull headed man
I ever saw."

"Look here, Bob," said Jim. "I only
want to say this. Suppose it had been
mentioned at headquarters, and suppose it
had come out in general orders, and sup-
pose the folks at home would have heard
of it as they undoubtedly would—would
you wonder and the girls feel? They'd
have gone crazy."

"The affair seemed to strike Bob in a new
light. 'By thunder,' he said slowly,
"that's so. If the women folk were to
know every fool trick we played there'd be
no comfort in it. It's a life of trouble."

As he spoke "How and how," he said.

Soon a long line of cavalry was crawling
along the road in the direction of Mud
spring.

Who of all the soldiers who were on that
memorable field now remember the scenes
of carnage and death, the charges and
counter charges, the hurrahs, the escapes of
a bloody but fruitless fight? Who remem-
ber the gallant charge of the 10th Ohio
on the Fourth of July, when it was up
and took which of the splendid regiments
should reach the ford first? Those days
are long since past.

AT MUD CREEK.

On except the gallant 10th, the men
shouting, the horses dashing in wild dis-
order, trampling those who fell beneath
their iron feet. Sabers gleamed in the
sunlight, carbines in hand, the men in bare
heads with hair flying in wild disorder,
each struggling for the first place in the
among the tangled masses as they flew to-
ward the goal. The Virginia regiment,
cheered by some little encouragement,
makes a half wheel and envelops the op-
posing force in their mad career. Then, as
if by some hidden power, the Yankee reg-
iment rises in its might, the Virginians are
flung back, the cheer dies away from their
lips and is taken up by the victors, and the
lines of each form and again, only to be
again broken. Now it is victory for
frankness, now for loss, now the two lines
come so thoroughly mixed that it is im-
possible to tell which has the advantage;
but they diverge once more.

See the little cluster of men who have
become separated from their companions—
they are of both sides—how they run
their horses and fight with the water. Their
carbines are empty. It is a hand to hand
combat, and the sides are equal in number.
Bob Sykes is among them; so is Jim Dodd,
and now they have singled out their men.
It is a fight to the death. Bob has had one
man nearly unbowed, while Jim is flying
after another. The two are separated and
are hid from view by a copse of trees. Only
to appear again. But where is Jim? Bob
has unbowed his man but where is Jim?
In. But the enemy have gained the ford,
and the recall is sounded from our lines.
Gradually and reluctantly the pursuers
withdraw and the foe is left to himself.

The affair of Mud Creek was over. It was
a victory. We had won the ground, but
alas! at what a price! The dead and dying
lay on every side, and Bob looks in vain for
his friend.

In a shady little nook down by the creek
like a body in the blue uniform of a cav-
alryman. A bullet wound marks his forehead,
and the body of poor Jim Dodd lies where
no friendly hand shall mark his grave.
His name is dropped from the rolls, and on
the margin of the last report is written the
simple word "missing."—Exchange.

A Book That Will Inspire Washington.
George Washington's famous "Rules of
Courtesy," which, in his English handwriting,
he had copied from some unknown
original into the old black book that is
now in the archives at Washington, but so
badly gnawed by rats to be in parts illegi-
ble, has been traced by that indefatigable
literary explorer Mr. Moncure D. Conway
to a French source. One version of the
"Rules" he finds in a manual sent by the
Jesuit monks of the college of La Fleche
to their fellow monks at Pont-A-Mousson
in 1655. Another version appears, nearly
fifty years later, in a little treatise pub-
lished in London by a youthful prig of
France, Francis Hawkins by name, and from
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the missing articles of the dignified young
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OWED HIS LIFE TO STEWART.

How a Senator, When a Rising Young Law-
yer, Saved a Man from the Noose.
Senator Stewart, who died yesterday, was
read by his friend, Jim Dodd, who was ad-
mitted to the bar and practiced. But his pro-
fession didn't prevent him from going into
mining operations. There were few min-
ing camps from 1850 to 1855 in which "Sage-
brush Bill" Stewart, as he was called, was
not a familiar figure. He has a great rep-
utation as a traveler. He has been all over
the world. It is said that he can climb a
mountain now quicker and easier than nine
men out of ten, without limitation as to
age. Senator William F. Sanders, of Mont-
ana, made a reputation in the days of Vir-
ginia Gold by hanging him.
He was the legal adviser and executive
officer of the vigilantes. Senator Stewart
never hung a man, but he saved several
when he thought the vigilantes were too
hasty in their action. One day, while rid-
ing his law circuit, to "33 or '34, Stewart
approached a mining camp where prepa-
rations were being made for an execution.
As he dismounted in front of the hotel,
with his law library in a pair of saddle-
bags thrown across his arm, he saw a crowd
away off. The signs were plain enough to
his practiced eye. In front of the hotel a
little bit of a Texas desperado named
Jack Watson was standing. He had come
out to the mine with Jack Hayes' party.
He wouldn't weigh more than 150 pounds.
But he was all right. There was a look of
diabolical cunning upon his face.

He was gazing down the road toward the
mob. Stewart inquired what the trouble
was about. Watson said the man to be
hung was a stranger, an Englishman, who
had come into camp and had stopped there
all night. Some money had been stolen.

and the stranger was to be hung for it.
The Texan expressed the opinion that the
stranger was not guilty. Stewart remarked
that somebody ought to interfere if an in-
nocent man was about to be executed. In
a flash the Texan's manner changed. He
drew his hands from his pockets, threw
the right hand upon the belt of his revolver
and giving Stewart a penetrating look ex-
claimed:
"Do you?"

Stewart mildly replied that he dared
not, and without another word Stewart, who
has the longest pair of legs in the United
States, was striding down the road.
Little Watson was beside him and going
on a trot. They went into the crowd and
pushed their way to the front, where the
noose was being put in place.
"Here, boys," said Stewart, "this man
may be innocent. Let's see about it."
Without any delay Judge Lynch's
was recovered. The witnesses were put
on the stand. In fifteen minutes the young
lawyer had shown the law in the case.
One of the first questions he asked was
whether all of those who had slept in the
hotel the night of the theft still remained
in camp. The witnesses said no. One man
had left camp on a mule in the morn-
ing.

That man is the thief," said Stewart.
A force immediately started in pursuit.
The missing man was overtaken. Part of
the stolen money was found on him. He
was brought back and hanged. The En-
glishman was turned loose.—Cor. St. Louis
Globe-Democrat.

The Conductor's Study of People.
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city. I began on the west side, and don't
remember much that I saw in those days
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except one thing. There used to be what
was called a cross town car. It ran from
Ashland avenue east on Madison street,
turning south on Clark, then east on Van
Buren street over to Wabash avenue. It
carried the mail—that is, a mail bag from
the west side station hung on the rear of
the car, and was thrown off at a south side
corner, where one of the postoffice men
took charge of it.
Well, sir, I used to see women coming
down Madison street after me, signalling
me to stop. We used to stop anywhere in
those days. So when I saw one of the
ladies coming I rung a stop, and the
driver would check up in the middle of the
block as like as not. Then we would wait
for the lady, and when she caught up she
would say, "Here's a letter I'd thank you
to mail," and then turn around and walk
back. I got tired of that sort of thing and
got a job on the north side.
I liked that side pretty well, but I could
never get used to the way they had of
punching me in the back when they wanted
me to see off. Sometimes that's all
right. But I used to be standing on the
back platform all alone, few people in the
car, when one of them would get up, walk
to me and go clear around, punch me in
the back, and say, "Next corner." I don't
know as they do it now. But it caused me
to leave. I've been over here for two years.
I have witnessed one funny thing on this
side. A person on the corner who wants
the car to stop will put up one finger and
keep it up until he gets inside the car. I
don't know what makes them, but they all
do it.—Chicago Tribune.

A Fine Idea.
When a collection is taken up in the
southern colored churches all those who
will give are asked to come to the altar
and deposit the cash. This idea starts ev-
erybody forward, and the fact that the
minister holds the plate makes each one
feel that he will be out of place there.
—Descent Free Press.

An Inexpensive Bookcase.
Next to an open fire and sunshine nothing
gives such a cheerfulness to a room as
books. Given the books, the problem is
how to place them the most effectively
with small expense. The tall bookcase of
our childhood, whose glass doors were al-

ways closed, was a thing of the
past. Low bookcases built into the room
corresponding in design with mantel and
woodwork are very expensive. If you have
a wide, low window in your library put
over the sill a pine board six or eight in-
ches wide and the length of the window; round
off the corners and support it by three
wooden brackets resting on the floor.
At each end of this board nail two up-
right pieces grooved for five bookshelves,
which are supported at the other end by
cleats nailed to the side walls. Stain win-
dow seat and shelves like your woodwork,
varnish and rub them. The cost of shelves
when pine or white wood is used, including
carpenter work, will not exceed \$4.
The window seat should be covered with
a tufted hair cushion in color harmonizing
with hangings of the room. Banish from
the window heavy curtains, which exclude
the light, and long lace curtains, which
give a "fixed up" air to a room out of place
in a library, and substitute lengths of soft
India silk reaching to the cushion and tied
back. Let the color be a pale dull yellow,
if possible. Then, no matter what the
weather, you will have a golden glow in
your room.—New York Tribune.

The Bride's Gown.
From time immemorial the bride's gown
has been white, and if one could only have
a simple muslin frock it seems as if it
ought to be of that pure tone, because her
own heart is thought to be as clean and
white as is her gown. The white gown
and the orange blossoms are the privilege
of the bride, and even if she has to econ-
omize and give up another gown I can quite
appreciate the feelings of the girl who in-
sists on the white satin, the blossoms and
the tulle veil.
She can never wear this costume but
once in her life, for after she has become a
wife she must take the place of the or-
ange blossoms and the tulle veil is never
again assumed. Heavy white corded silk,
white velvet, white brocade, white mouss-
eline de soie are all shown for the bride's
gown, but the real wedding material is
age, as does ivory; but if love is young in
the heart there will be the same delight in
looking at the folds in the wedding gown
that there is in recalling the wedding day.
—Ladies' Home Journal.

Dust and the Complexion.
Dust is the great enemy of health and of
women's good looks. It settles in the skin,
especially where there is a little steam to
help it; the wax and oily matter of the skin
it fills till no ordinary washing will remove
it. Wrinkles are accentuated by it, as they
have a deeper bed to draw in the dust with
the styles of time. That is the reason
so many women look about ten years
younger when they find time to take their
bath and the vapor has fifteen minutes
or more to soften the tissues.
There is nothing like steam for plumping
up the skin and washing out the grime
which clouds every complexion not daily
treated to soap and hot water. How many
have the heating pipes of the furnace
cleared of the year's accumulation of dust?
From the pipes it is easy to enter
lungs, and from the dust, being cleared of all
dead matter, it is itself death to hair, to
freshness of complexion and general vigor.
—Shirley Dare's Letter.

The Care of a Piano.
At least once in ten years a piano should
be tuned and regulated, and "tuned" is
often, as the "squares" usually have had
the hammers protected by a covering of
deer skin. The "uprights" are all sent out
unprotected, but it is only a question of
use before these must receive a covering,
or else have a new set of hammers at five
times the expense. Be very careful who
does the tuning. The tuning and tuning
are the only artistic jobs connected with
the construction of a piano. All the rest,
however difficult of execution, have definite
rules and patterns. These two alone de-
pend for correctness of expression upon
the discretion of their producer. Poor
tuning may be corrected by a good tuner,
while a set of hammers may be spoiled by
an experimental tuner.—Good House-
keeping.

Etiquette in Driving.
From Paris the dictum comes that in
netting as hostess a woman should enter
her carriage first, seating herself so that
her guest sits at her right, which place of
honor she must not omit indicating to her
guest as such. When the host is a man,
however, the guest enters first and should
take a place at the host's right. This of
course is in reference only to cases where
the guest must necessarily ride together.
If the host, either man or woman, is driv-
ing, his seat is always the proper driving
one. A ridiculous combination of gallantry
and ignorance is occasionally seen, usu-
ally at summer resorts, where a woman
driving a car or phaeton permits her male
companion to occupy the driver's seat
while she handles the reins from his left.
—New York Times.

She Is Everywhere.
One hears and reads more about the hoy-
den than the well bred woman. This
sweetly austere and gently repellent lady
does not wear paint on her lips or lamp-
black on her eyebrows. She does not make
up a gaudy toilet for the street, there are
no diamonds in her ears, no feathers in her
bonnet, no stick pins in her jacket, nor
jeweled pins in her hair. Her eyebrows
are not silver trimmed, neither is her purse.
She doesn't stare you out of countenance,
her remarks are not cutting, and her voice
is never audible to a third person. She is
a gracious creature; her influence is divine,
her acquaintance a boon, and her friend-
ship a blessing. Best of all, her name is
legion.—New York World.

How to Cook Oatmeal Properly.
Nothing is more unpalatable or indi-
gestible than half cooked oatmeal. As in
case of rice, farina, tapioca, eggs and
fruit, oatmeal must be cooked in a double
kettle, keeping plenty of boiling water
above it in the lower part. To one cup of
the meal, thoroughly washed and six cups
of cold water, and boil three hours without
stirring. Can be eaten with butter and
salt or with cream or sugar. In cool
weather this takes nothing by "warming
over." The fortunate possessor of gas or
painful stomach may put oatmeal on over a
blaze just sufficient to keep the water boil-
ing, and not give it another thought for
three hours. If wanted for breakfast it
must be cooked night before.—Herald of
Health.

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are wooden cubes about one inch square on
either side.

Into one side of each cube a double wire,
head or pin is driven, by which the fish is
caught. Upon the opposite side, which is
of course the side upon which the cubes
lie, numbers ranging from five to fifty are
pasted. Fishing poles with lines and
hooks, one dozen in all, are neatly made by
using rattan for the poles, which should
be about twenty-eight inches long. A neat
little box of bright ribbon is tied with the
line to the pole. A bent wire or pin serves
for a hook.

The game may be played in simplest
form—keeping the score for both sides,
and awarding the game to the side that
wins the highest score—say one, three or
five hundred, as the players may decide
first.—Youth's Companion.

An Artist's Invention.
Miss Anna L. Gorbham, a Boston artist in
water color and an occasional writer, who
patented a balance a few years ago, and had
much success with it, has invented an
excellent writing desk which is ingenious, con-
venient and beautiful. It appears first as
an open book with a water color picture
resting upon it. The picture is then
turned down, and its back forms a writing
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Why New York Girls Have Color.
What do you suppose keeps the color in
the cheeks of American girls? It is not
in their veins, some bright afternoon.
Many of them miss those hours of sleep
which are called the hours for beauty sleep,
but their eyes are sparkling and there is a
touch of pink on their cheeks. They are
crack when they wake up. They are not
it's all because American girls are not
afraid to walk, and this helps to make
them things of pride to Americans and of
admired beauty to weary old Europe.—
New York Tribune.

The Hardest Girls of Scotland.
In the rural parts of Scotland the young
women go barefooted most of the year.
On Sundays these barefooted damsels may
be seen proceeding to church with their shoes
in hand and their stockings hung properly
over their arms. When they reach the
churchyard they sit down on the grass, and
with more care than modesty proceed to
change their boots and shoes, for it would be
regarded quite improper to enter the Kirk
without these articles of attire properly
disposed.—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

The Sponge Cure for Headache.
The ordinary nervous headache in women
will be greatly relieved, and in many cases
entirely cured, by removing the waist of
one's dress, knotting the hair high up on
the head out of the way, and while lean-
ing over a basin placing a sponge soaked
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